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- Response to Requirement for Election of Species
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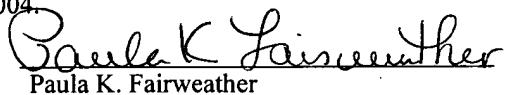
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

This responds to the requirement for election of species mailed December 3, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The Examiner acknowledged Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-32 and 45-50 for prosecution in the application. The Examiner asserts that claims 1-32 and 45-50 contain claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Embodiment 1 described in Fig. 2 - Fig. 9,
Embodiment 2 described in Fig. 10, and
Embodiment 3 described in Fig. 11.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Embodiment 1, shown in Fig. 2 - Fig. 9, for prosecution in the application. Claims 1-25, 27-30, 32 and 45-47 read on the elected species.

The requirement for election of species is respectfully traversed. Upon allowance of generic claims 1, 28 and 45, withdrawal of the requirement for election of species is respectfully requested.

The application is now ready for examination on the merits. If there are questions regarding this response, please contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

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